is no proposal to form a consortium of scientific institutions at regional or local level by involving local bodies for the purpose.

Allocation for Road Links Announced

1300. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what allocation has made for the project to connect all villages with population of over 1000, with roads announced on the P.M.'s Birthday for the current year and the rest of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of such villages not linked with roads at present, State-wise; and

(c) the State-wise targets under the rural road links plan for Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam and other States?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) A Central Allocation of Rs.2500 crore has been made for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Budget for the year 2000-2001 and another sum of Rs. 2500 crore has been allocated in the Budget for the year 2001- 2002 for the Programme.

(b) A statement indicating State-wise number of villages not linked with roads is given (*see* next page).

(c) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana envisages connecting all Habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons through good, All-weather roads by the year 2003 and those with a population of more than 500 persons by the year 2007 depending on availability of funds.

Monitoring Committees for Rural Development works

†1301. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has directed all State Governments to constitute monitoring committees to monitor the works of rural development from Block level to State level;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many State Governments including Uttar Pradesh are not following the said directions;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise number of villages not linked with Roads (Source: Planning Commission)

	States/UTs	Total no. of villages 1991 Census	No. of villages with population 1000 & above	No. of villages estimated to have been connected up to 31-3-97	Balance (Col 4-5)	No. of villages with population below 1000	No. of villages estimated to have been connected up to 31-3-97	Balance (Col 7-8)	Total No. of unconnected villages
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	26586	14,422	12878	1,544	12164	9954	2210	3,754
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3649	116	100	16	3533	1380	2153	2,169
3	Assam	23208	3,872	3807	65	19336	13497	5839	5,904
4	Bihar	67546	17,467	11925	5,542	50079	20391	29688	35,230
5	Goa	369	200	200	0	169	168	1	1
6	Gujarat	18028	9,507	9409	98	8521	7597	924	1,022
7	Haryana	6759	3,470	3469	1	3289	3209	80	81
8	Himachal Pradesh	16997	634	407	227	16363	7220	9143	9,370
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6241	1,474	1217	257	4767	2890	1877	2,134
10	Karnataka	27066	9,953	9951	2	17113	17012	101	103
11	Kerala	1731	1,719	1708	11	12	10	2	13
12	Madhya Pradesh	65526	8,935	5980	2,955	56591	12626	43965	46,920
13	Maharashtra	39522	13,275	12615	660	26247	15356	10891	11,551
14	Manipur	2180	346	282	64	1834	720	1114	1,178
15	Meghalaya	5484	144	109	35	5340	2377	2963	2,998
16	Mizoram	785	102	102	0	683	552	131	131
17	Nagaland	1119	281	281	0	838	713	125	125
18	Orissa	50970	7173	5723	1,450	43797	19324	24473	25,923
19	Punjab	12428	4978	4978	0	7450	7111	339	339
20	Rajasthan	37889	10766	9309	1,457	27123	10404	16719	18,176
21	Sikkim	453	112	108	4	341	252	89	93
22	Tamil Nadu	50837	9705	9188	517	41132	16830	24302	24,819
23	Tripura	7412	400	400	0	7012	3375	3637	3,637
24	Uttar Pradesh	112803	37937	17105	20,832	74866	39761	35105	55,937
25	West Bengal	38075	10429	6918	3,511	27646	11613	16033	19,544
	Total (States)	**623663**	**167,417**	**128169**	**39,248**	**456246**	**224342**	**231904**	**271,152**
	Union Territories								
26	A&N Islands	504	56	55	1	448	169	279	280
27	Chandigarh	22	22	22	0	0	0	0	0
28	Dadra & Nagar H.	71	38	38	0	33	33	0	0
29	Daman & Diu	24	15	15	0	9	9	0	0
30	Delhi	171	160	160	0	11	11	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	4	2	0	2	2	0	2	4
32	Pondicherry	264	93	93	0	171	171	0	0
	Total (UTs)	**1060**	**386**	**383**	**3**	**674**	**393**	**281**	**284**
	Grand Total (St/Union Territories)	**624723**	**167,803**	**128552**	**39,251**	**456920**	**224735**	**232185**	**271,436**

(d) by when the Government would ensure the compliance of the said directions by Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information available, Monitoring Committees have been set up in all States/Uts, including U.P. except the newly formed states of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand from which no information has yet been received regarding setting up of their Committees.

Inclusion of UP district in Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana

†1302. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Muzaffarnagar and Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh in the Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana for repairing the Roads;

(b) if so, whether Government would direct the State Government to repair the various routes of Muzaffarnagar and the route from Bhagwanpur to Bhagautipur, Basai under the Thekma block of Azamgarh;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is a programme intended to provide road connectivity, by way of good All-weather roads, to all unconnected Habitations with a population of more than 500 persons. While the primary focus of the Programme is on construction of new roads, upgradation, to prescribed standards, of existing roads, where necessary, is also envisaged. Upgradation would, however, not cover repairs of existing roads.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Selection of Villages for PM's Rural Roads Plan

1303. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reference has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government regarding the State's right to select villages to be included in the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Plan; and

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